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（They are hiking in Mt. Takao)

A: テイラーさん、だいじょうぶ です か。

B: あし が いたい です…。

あ、あれ は ふじさんですか。

C: はい。

D: キイ キイ。

C: あ、さる が いますね。

テイラーさん、だめ です よ。あぶない です よ。

B: だいじょうぶ です よ。

D: キキイ！

B: いたい！

E: だいじょうぶ です か。

B: いたたた。かお が いたいです。

Vocabulary

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☐ ☑ English Kana Rōmaji

☐ **だいじょうぶ** [だいじょうぶ] 1 EXAMPLE
all right , O.K.;Adj(na)
わたしはだいじょうぶです。
I'm all right.

☐ **かお** [かお] 1 EXAMPLE
face
かおがいたいです。
My face hurts.

☐ **います** [います] 1 EXAMPLE
to exist, to have(animate);V2, -masu form
いもうとがいます。
I have a younger sister.

☐ **あし** [あし] 1 EXAMPLE
leg, foot
あしがいたいです。
My legs hurt.

☐ **さる** [さる] 1 EXAMPLE
monkey
さるがだいすきです。
I love monkeys.

☐ **あぶない** [あぶない] 1 EXAMPLE
dangerous, risky;Adj(i)
あ、あぶない！
Hey, watch out!!

☐ **だめ** [だめ] 1 EXAMPLE
no-no, no good:Adj(na)
だめです。
Don't do that. / That's not allowed.

☐ **ふじさん** [ふじさん] 1 EXAMPLE
Mt. Fuji
ふじさんはあそこにあります。
Mt. Fuji is over there.

☐ **いたい** [いたい] 1 EXAMPLE
painful, sore;Adj(i)
あしがいたいです。
My legs hurt.

☐ **よ** [よ] 1 EXAMPLE
particle to add emphasis
そうですよ。
That's right, you know.

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Lesson Notes

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Lesson Focus

The Focus of This Lesson Is How to Say "My...Hurts."
あしがいたいです。
Ashi ga itai desu.
"My legs hurt."

In this lesson, you'll learn how to talk about your aches and pains using the *~ga itai desu* pattern.

"I have a headache."

To say "My [body part] hurts" is really simple in Japanese. As before, you can leave out the *watashi wa*, as it's obvious that you're talking about yourself. Then, all you need to do is say [body part] *ga* and then add "hurts," which is actually an adjective in Japanese, *itai*, and then add *desu* to make it polite.

Formation

(*watashi wa*) [body part] *ga itai desu*

Here are some useful vocabulary words for parts of the body that you can use in the above sentence pattern.

"English"	**Japanese**
"head"	あたま *atama*
"face"	かお *kao*
"throat"	のど *nodo*
"stomach"	おなか *onaka*
"leg"/"foot"*	あし *ashi*

* A strange thing about the Japanese language is that there are no two separate words for "foot" and "leg!" They're both あし (*ashi*). So, sometimes you have to work out from context (or gestures) which one someone is talking about!

For Example:

1. あたまがいたいです。
   Atama ga itai desu.
   "I have a headache." [Literally, "My head hurts."]
2. おなかがいたい。
   Onaka ga itai.
   "My stomach hurts."

Reference

Please also review the following Lesson Notes.

- *watashi wa .... ga itai desu* → Newbie Season 4 Lesson 30
- other body parts → Newbie Season 3 Lesson 12
- *imasu* → Absolute Beginner Season 1 Lesson 20

Key Vocabulary & Phrases

★いたい (*itai*), いたたた！ (*itatata*!)
Itai is "hurts" in English, as in "My feet hurt" or "That hurts!" English speakers tend to say "Ow!" or "Ouch!" when we hurt ourselves, but Japanese people typically say *Itai!* or some variation of this, such as いたっ！(*Ita!*). *Itatata!* gives even more emphasis, and it is the equivalent of something like "ow, ow, OW!" in English.

★だめ (*dame*)
When you hear this word in Japanese, you know that you've done something wrong or that you're not allowed to do whatever it is you were about to do!
Dame means variously "not allowed," "no good," "not possible," "stop that," and so on, depending on the context.

Cultural Insights

Mt. Takao

Mt. Takao, or たかおさん (*Takao-san*), is a 1,965-foot tall mountain in the city of Hachiōji in Tokyo. It is an extremely popular day trip and hiking spot for Tokyo residents, given both its convenient location and its scenic ropeway that allows visitors to scale the mountain without actually climbing it, and has over 2.5 million visitors every year. It can get *very* crowded on holidays and weekends, but the scenery from the top of the mountain is beautiful.

Mt. Takao is renowned for its associations with *tengu* (a type of minor god in Japanese folklore and Shinto), and there is also a Buddhist temple on the mountain itself.

Another (unusual?) attraction at Mt. Takao is...monkeys! That's right: there's a monkey park about halfway up the mountain that is home to around forty Japanese Macaques, which also draw huge numbers of visitors each year.

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Grammar

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Below is a list of the grammar points introduced or used in this lesson. Click for a full explanation.

～が　形容詞+名詞　[noun] ga [adjective] + [noun] one whose --- is [adjective]	*Introduced*
いる (1)　iru (1) to exist (for animate, usually living, things)	*Used*

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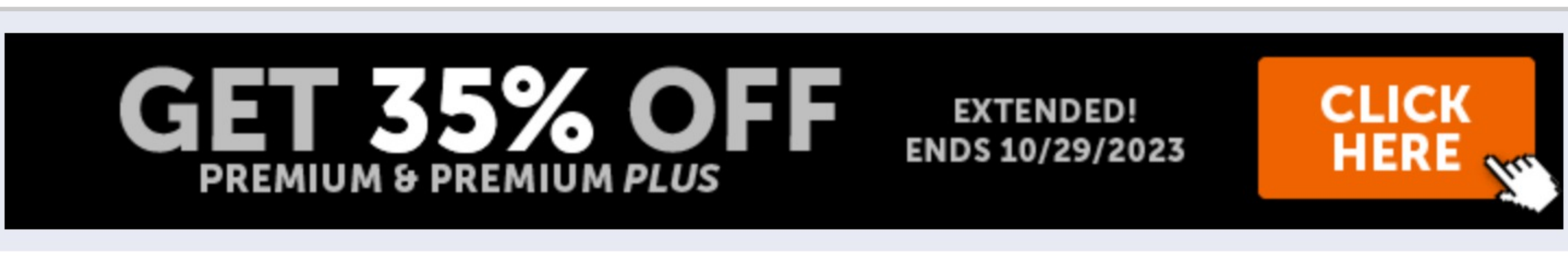

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